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| **PART IV. Evaluation, Entitlement and Rehabilitation Planning**  **Section A. Application Processing** | |
| **CHAPTER 3. BASIC ENTITLEMENT** | |
| **Objectives:** | After completion of this training, a VR&E staff is expected to:  • Understand the criteria for basic eligibility and entitlement for vocational rehabilitation benefits and services.   * Know the basic period of eligibility including time limit and deferrals. * Discern the processes for determining entitlement for severely injured or severely ill Servicemembers. |
| **Contents:** | **Responsibilities**  a. Veterans Service Center (VSC)  b. Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Division  **Basic Entitlement to Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Services**  a. 20 Percent or more Service-Connected Disability (SCD) Rating  b. 10 Percent SCD Rating  c. Memorandum Rating  d. Basic Eligibility and Entitlement for Severely Injured or Ill  Servicemembers  **Basic Period of Eligibility**  a. Time Limit for Eligibility to Receive Vocational Rehabilitation  b. Deferral and Extension of the Basic Period of Eligibility  **Eligibility for Employment Assistance**  **Changes in Service Connection**  a. Severance of the SCD  b. Reduction of SCD to a Non-Compensable Disability  c. Reduction or Severance of SCD while in Applicant or Evaluation  and Planning Status  **Entitlement Determination for Servicemembers with Severe Injury or Illness**  a. Background  b. Basic Eligibility and Entitlement  c. Period of Enactment |
| **Appendices** | Appendix AT. Military Service Status Referral |
| **Exercises:** | 1. What are the roles and responsibilities of VSC and VR&E for processing claims? 2. Identify the specific criteria for entitlement for each of the following: 3. 20% or more SCD rating 4. 10% SCD rating 5. Memorandum rating 6. Severely injured or ill Servicemembers 7. Define the period of eligibility to receive vocational rehabilitation services. 8. Describe the instances in which the period of eligibility may be deferred and extended. 9. Define the period of eligibility to receive employment assistance. 10. Describe the impact of changes in SCD rating decisions on entitlement to vocational rehabilitation assistance. 11. Explain the entitlement determination for severely injured or severely ill Servicemembers including the basic period of eligibility and entitlement. |
| **Rescission Information:** | Part IV rescinds the following M28 and M28-1 Chapters:  M28, Part IV, Subpart iii, Chapters 1-7  M28, Part IV, Subpart iv, Chapters 1-9  M28-1, Part II, Chapters 2, 6, and 8  The following VR&E Circulars and letters are also rescinded: |